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Library Acquires First Magic Book Published in the United States

The Library of Congress has acquired a copy of Henry Dean's *Hocus Pocus; Or The Whole Art of Legerdemain* (Philadelphia, Mathew Carey, 1795), the first magic book published in the United States. Henry Dean, a British publisher and compiler, first issued this manual on the practice of illusion, in England in 1722. It is a cornerstone of magic literature, published in numerous editions. Many of its tricks appear in later conjuring books by other authors. Such borrowings were commonplace; Dean's work is itself in part a compilation from other books. Before this copy came to the Library, the only known copies were at the Mulholland Library of Conjuring and Allied Arts in Malibu, Calif., and at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Mass. Trevor Hall, historian and bibliographer of magic literature, despairingly observed in *Old Conjuring Books* (1972) that collectors "pine in vain for another copy [to] become available."

Dean's work deals with entertainment magic (conjuring), but magic based on other traditions was popular in America as well. Almanacs contained astrological sections and included long-range divinations. Prominent citizens belonged to secret fraternal societies that had rituals and symbols that were rooted in ancient magic literature and customs.

There is a report of a conjuring act in the American Colonies as early as the 1680s. However, such occurrences were undoubtedly unusual because theatrical public performances were not considered respectable. Massachusetts banned all dramatic events. As Henry Moulton notes in his *Houdini's History of Magic in Boston, 1792–1915,* this strict spirit of censure relaxed as the 19th century approached. In 1769, George Washington attended a magic show in Alexandria, Va.

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Moulton records that a Mr. Martin performed a trick with a hat in Boston on August 25, 1792. Boston audiences must have greeted Martin warmly because about a week later a Mr. Placide jumped "over a cone backwards and forwards" and "balance[d] a peacock's feather in different ways." Sleight-of-hand tricks were popular at this time. Placide concluded his performance by accomplishing "a trick with a glass and a half dollar."

The first American edition of Henry Dean's *Hocus Pocus* is a chapbook in format, a small paper-covered volume crudely printed, designed to be sold cheaply. It has rough woodcut illustrations that demonstrate some of the tricks. *Hocus Pocus* advises the aspiring magician to have a "bold and undaunted resolution" and to use "strange terms and emphatical words, to amaze and astonish the beholders." Most importantly, the magician "must use such gestures of body, as may take off the spectators eyes from a strict and diligent beholding [of] his manner of performance." Magicians today would agree that Dean's advice is as relevant for them as it was for their 18th-century counterparts.

Most of the tricks involve the manipulation of balls, money, and cards. There were also such unusual feats as appearing to thrust a bodkin into one's forehead, to cut off a head, to put a ring through a cheek, and to drink beer from the handle of a knife. Many magic shows were conducted in taverns and in public gatherings outside buildings. Dean's *Hocus Pocus* provides an invaluable look into an almost irretrievable aspect of popular Anglo-American culture. For instance, Dean gives us the cry that a magician used to call people to his table when he was about to perform the trick that made balls seem to materialize under cups:

I shall deceive you all.
View them within,
View them all round about,
Where there is nothing in,
There's nothing can come out.

Leonard N. Beck's "Things Magical in the Collections of the Rare Book Division" in the October 1974 issue of *The Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress* *(Continued on p. 340)*

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

Experts on the Constitution View Library Exhibit

Three Library of Congress experts on the development of constitutional law examine the current Great Hall exhibition on the U.S. Constitution (see LC *Information Bulletin,* July 21, p. 267). They are (left to right) Johnny H. Killian, senior specialist in American public law, Congressional Research Service; Kersi B. Shroff, senior law specialist, Law Library; and James H. Hutson, chief, Manuscript Division, Research Services. The Great Hall exhibit is in the shrine which was constructed to display the U.S. Constitution when it was in the custody of the Library of Congress from 1921 to 1952.

In July the three experts conducted an invitational summer seminar on the Constitution for Library of Congress staff. On July 16, Dr. Hutson spoke on "The Framing of the Constitution: The Integrity of the Documentary Record." One week later Mr. Killian spoke on "Interpreting the Constitution: 'Original Intent' vs. Other Standards." Finally, on July 30 Mr. Shroff spoke on "Another Perspective: An Unwritten Constitution," in which he compared American and British constitutionalism.

The summer seminar, sponsored by CRS, the Law Library, and Research Services, was the first such joint venture of the three departments. Additional "seasonal seminars" are in the planning stages.

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STAFF NEWS

WRA Begins Process for Election Of Officers for 1987

The Library's Welfare and Recreation Association (WRA) is now accepting nominations for the November election of officers to serve in 1987. Staff members who are prepared to give their own time and hard work to this organization are encouraged to contact Rozita B. Melson, ext. 79802, or Erma Wall, ext. 75981, no later than November 6. The election will follow in two weeks from this deadline. Vacant offices are corresponding secretary, treasurer, and vice president.

Library Tennis Players Advance To Interagency Tournament

Five Library staff members won the right to advance to the League of Federal Recreation Associations Interagency Tennis Tournaments as a result of matches sponsored by the WRA during the summer. The winners and their competition levels were (from the left in the photo): Ruta Penkiunas, Subject Cataloging, women's advanced; Arthur Lieb, Associate Librarian's Office, men's beginner level; Lisa Hicks, Personnel Office, women's intermediate; William Gaymon, Automated Systems Office, men's intermediate; and (not pictured) Ralph Orlick, Automated Systems Office, men's advanced. WRA coordinator Jim Cole, Copyright Office, is at the right in the photo.

Orlando Campos Appointed Chief, Receiving and Processing Division

Orlando Campos

Orlando Campos was appointed chief of the Receiving and Processing Division by Register of Copyrights Ralph Oman in June. He had been acting chief since September 1985.

The Receiving and Processing Division is responsible for accepting all incoming mail and dispatching all outgoing materials, establishing necessary controls while material is in process through the Copyright Office, and searching, assembling, and expediting materials for processing. The division also maintains accounts and related reports involving fees received and services rendered. It also handles all other activities involved in the processing of copyright deposits, assigns registration numbers, and prepares and mails all certificates of registration.

A native of New Mexico, Mr. Campos received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from the University of New Mexico.

He came to the Copyright Office in March 1966 as head of the Fiscal Control Section, where he worked until he was appointed assistant chief of the division in 1974. During his years with the Copyright Office, Mr. Campos has participated in the major moves that the office has made and the implementation of the copyright law enacted in 1978, when he served on the Organization of New Functions, Organization Subcommittee of the Revision Coordination Committee. He

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has also been involved in the planning and implementation of COINS (the Copyright Office In-Process System) from its inception in 1976 to the present

Mr. Campos is married to Anne Campos, who is the head of the Slavic Languages Section of the Shared Cataloging Division. They and their son Stephen reside in Silver Spring, Md.

ARA Offers Free Commuter Cup

Cycling commuter Leo Anderson of the Descriptive Cataloging Division holds his free ARA Commuter's Cup. The cup is free, while supplies last, with any breakfast purchase over $2 in the Library cafeteria during October. The cup features a no-spill top and mounting plate for dash (or handlebars). This offer is for Library employees only.

Special Interest Groups in October

The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) of the Library of Congress Professional Association are presenting the following meetings in October.

The meetings are held to one-half hour and begin at 12:10 p.m., except for the Foreign Area Studies SIG which meets at 11:30 a.m., so that staff members may attend on their lunch periods. The meetings are informal, and eating lunch during them is encouraged.

☐ **October 7—*SIG on Library Science:*** Judith Farley, reference librarian, General Reading Rooms Division, "American Library Association Governance." Room LM 642.

☐ **October 9—*SIG on Poetry.*** Topic to be announced. Participants are asked to bring their ideas to share with the group. Room LM 403.

☐ **October 14—*SIG on Foreign Area Studies (Soviet and East European):*** Cathleen A. Campbell, Federal Research Division, will speak on "Recent Trends in Soviet Science and Technology Policy." Room LM 642.

☐ **October 16—*Support Group for Active Scholars.*** Topics continued from previous meetings. Room LM 642.

☐ **October 21—*SIG on Ethnic Resources:*** Carol Armbruster, "Role of the European Division in Italian-American Studies." Room LM 642.

☐ **October 28—*SIG on American Studies Special Collections:*** Sarah Rouse, Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, will speak on "NBC Television Collection at the Library of Congress—Film and Kinescope of Programs, 1948–1977." Room LM 642.

Dorothy M. Bensel Retires

Dorothy M. Bensel, subscription order librarian, Order Division, retired on May 31 after 14 years of service in the Library and the Order Division. She had worked in private industry for many years before entering government service.

Ms. Bensel joined the Order Division as assistant supervisor in the Continuations Unit of the Receiving and Clearing Section in 1972. In 1975 she was reassigned as assistant supervisor of the Continuations Unit in the reorganized Subscription and Microform Section. During 1985–86, Ms. Bensel served on a rotating basis as acting section head of the Subscription and Microform Section.

At a luncheon her co-workers and friends presented her with gifts, including a plaque inscribed by her colleagues and a ten-pound Hershey bar.

Marguerite Jackson Retires

Marguerite Jackson, order librarian in the Order Division, retired on August 1 after 25 years of service in the Library. A native of the Washington, D.C., area, Mrs. Jackson graduated from Dunbar High School and attended Howard University and George Washington University.

She began her career at the Library in 1961 as an editorial clerk in the Cyrillic Bibliographic Project and in 1966 became a copyright proofreader in the Aero-

space Technology Division. Later that year she became operations clerk in the Order Division and in 1968 was promoted to order preparation assistant. In 1971 Mrs. Jackson attained the position of order librarian, which she held until her retirement.

Mary Elizabeth Mylecraine Dies

Mary Elizabeth Mylecraine, one of the developers of the national music collection at the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, died of cardiopulmonary arrest, on September 5 at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Mylecraine joined the Library in 1965, and was the second supervisor of the music services unit. She was responsible for development of *The New Braille Musician* and became its first editor. She retired in 1974.

Before joining the Library, she had worked briefly at the Office of Economic Opportunity and the Head Start program in Washington.

An accomplished musician, Mrs. Mylecraine played orchestral harp with the San Antonio, Houston, and Washington National Symphonies. She studied harp with Velma Froude, Lynne Wainwright Palmer, and Carlos Salzedo, and was head of the harp and piano department at the University of Houston. She was educated at Cass Technical High School in Detroit, Mich., where she grew up, and later at the University of Michigan and the Curtis Institute of Music.

Mrs. Mylecraine was born in Hilham, Tenn. She is survived by three children, a sister, and five grandchildren.

Anna May Stambaugh, Former Order Division Employee, Dies

Anna May Stambaugh, 90, a former employee of the Order Division, died August 21 in Williamsburg, Va.

Miss Stambaugh first came to the Library in May 1926 as a general assistant in the former Division of Accessions. In 1940, she became head of the Clearing Section, a post she held until 1950, when she was named analyst in dealer performance and payment problems. She was then assigned the special task of straightening out payments disrupted by the confusion of World War II.

Born in Falls Church, Va., she was a graduate of The George Washington University. She earned a master's degree in library science from Catholic University. Before her employment at the Library she worked for the National Research Council.

Hobbies she pursued were gardening, cooking, calligraphy, weaving, photography, and church work. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Staff Activities

Floyd D. Hedrick, chief, Procurement and Supply Division, was named on June 15 the first recipient of the D.A. Cook Award given by the Purchasing Management Association of Washington, D.C. Established this year, the award is conferred upon an individual who has given long and distinguished service to the purchasing profession.

Frank R. Stevens, president of the Purchasing Management Association of Washington, D.C., presented Mr. Hedrick with a plaque which reads, "In honor, and with deep appreciation of the faithful, devoted, and valuable service given over the course of your career and your affiliation with the Purchasing Management Association of Washington, D.C."

Mr. Hedrick has also written a review of Dr. Laurence J. Peter's latest book, *The Peter Pyramid,* published in the September issue of *Management Review* magazine.

Ruta Pempe, senior automation planning specialist in the Automation Planning and Liaison Office, presented a paper at the third national Conference on Integrated Online Library Systems. The conference was held in St. Louis, September 23 and 24. The topic of Dr. Pempe's paper was "Requirements for Interfaces with Acquisitions."

Virginia Steele Wood, reference specialist in the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room, General Reading Rooms Division, is the author of "A Connecticut Yankee's Field Report: Shaler Hillyer's Impressions of Petersburg and Elbert County, Georgia, in 1800" in *The Georgia Historical Quarterly* (Summer 1986).

Sherlock Searcher Is Back in Town

Sherlock is back but he won't say where he's been these past few months, nor what he's been doing. He prefers to smile enigmatically, provoking our imagination. Was he out of town on a big case? Sunning himself at the beach? Winning big at Atlantic City? Or what? He won't say. Perhaps all three. One thing is certain: he hasn't been finding many books lately, such as those listed here, ones repeatedly requested

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by readers but absent from their places on the shelves. He may be a bit out of practice, so maybe you can help. Do you know where any of them are? If so, Sherlock smiles happily and mysteriously every day in Alcove 7, Main Reading Room, or you can leave a message with one of his accomplices on ext. 77427, Collections Management Division.

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Staff Carpool Locator

Established carpool from south Arlington area seeks a rider or driver. On 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. schedule. Call Ann Moore, ext. 79687.

Staff member from Alexandria, Va., seeks a ride from the Duke St./Lincolnia area. Would consider joining an established carpool as an extra or one-way member. Call Vera Clyburn, ext. 77919.

Established carpool leaving from Rosslyn, Va., seeks additional member. Must be willing to drive in turn. On flexitime schedule, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact Tatiana Zelensky, ext. 71184.

Personnel Changes

Appointment: Grover E. McDonald, editorial clerk, CRS EPW, GS-5.

Temporary Appointments: Priscilla R. Burr, deck attendant, Col Mgmt, GS-3; Demaris Garris, library aid, Mss, GS-1; Tracy B. Joyner, deck attendant, Col Mgmt, GS-3; Jill Swerdloff, library technician, CRS C, GS-5; Rosemary L. Wood, library aid, CRS ARS, GS-2.

Reappointment: JoAnna W. Evans, science reference librarian, Sci, GS-9.

Promotions: Delphine Fennell, administrative secretary, EEOC, GS-7; Shelley R. Smith, accessioner, FRD, GS-5.

Resignations: Dorothy Jean Bailey, CRS Gov; David Foulkes, ASO; Georgia E. Johnson, FMO; Lisa Johnson, FLICC; Christopher A. Mathias, Preserv; Valerie Pritchett, Cop Rec & Proc; Catherine Williams, Eur.

Report from the Conference of Librarians Serving the Blind And Physically Handicapped

"Quality Effort—Quality Service" was the theme of the 1986 Conference of Librarians Serving Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals held July 7–11 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

More than 250 participants from the United States and Canada heard J.A. Euclid Herie, managing director of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, located in Toronto, address the issue of quality effort and consumer impact. Dr. Herie was the keynote speaker at this year's conference, which for the first time was held by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS/BPH) of the Library of Congress in cooperation with the National Library of Canada.

J.A. Euclid Herie, managing director, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Toronto (left); Frank Kurt Cylke, director, NLS/BPH; and Doreen Guenter, chief, Service for Handicapped Persons, National Library of Canada.

In addition to Dr. Herie's address, the participants heard an overview of Canadian Library Services from Doreen Guenter, chief, Service for Handicapped Persons, National Library of Canada.

Highlights of the conference included a panel on consumer concerns moderated by Judith Dixon, head, Consumer Relations Section, NLS/BPH. Conference participants heard challenging speeches by Robert Smithdas, director of community education, Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults; Hanan C. Selvin, a retired professor of sociology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook; and Deborah Kendrick, a writer from the Cincinnati area.

The five-day conference opened with a welcome from Paul T. Hudson, deputy librarian, Main Library Services, Public Library of Cincinnati, host of the conference; Frank Kurt Cylke, director, NLS/BPH; and Ms. Guenter.

An NLS/BPH film, "The Sound and Touch of Reading," which provides an overview of NLS/BPH activities, was shown to the participants. Activity summaries by NLS/BPH division chiefs and section heads were presented.

The next day, reports on several ad hoc advisory committees were presented. These included the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Publications Advisory Group presentation, moderated by Robert Fistick, head, Publications and Media Section, NLS/BPH, and the Ad Hoc Audio Equipment Advisory Committee presentation, moderated by Henry Paris, chief, Materials Development Division, NLS/BPH. Other activities included meetings of the regional conferences, a Canadian delegates meeting, and reports to the participants on the multistate center operations.

On July 9, participants attended seminars on radio reading services, meeting national quality standards in network audio book production, and machine repair programs. The chairs of the four regional conferences presented their reports to participants, as well as a report from the Canadian delegates.

Afternoon tours included visits to a braille producer for NLS/BPH, Clovernook Home and School for the Blind, and the Multistate Center for the Midlands/South, both located in Cincinnati.

A highlight was the first public showing of a new slide show for the network libraries titled, "More Than Meets the Eye," to be used for community outreach.

On July 10, assistant director Mary Jack Wintle moderated a question-and-answer session on the Consolidated Mailing List System (CMLS) automation concerns. John Kozar, assistant chief, Network Division, NLS/BPH, moderated a presentation on outreach to seniors, a new NLS/BPH effort focusing on the senior citizen population in the United States. A new videotape, "Talking Books for Seniors," was shown.

Devon Liner, assistant head, Consumer Relations Section, NLS/BPH, moderated a presentation on network library volunteer programs. Another new videotape, "Come on Down to the Library," was shown. Mona Werner, head, Collection Development Section, NLS/BPH, moderated a session on children's services. Ms. Guenter presented an overview of children's services in Canada. Director Frank Kurt Cylke held an open session for remarks and concerns by the network librarians in attendance.

Participants were able to tour the public library of Cincinnati-Hamilton County and the Cincinnati

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Meetings and Events Around the Library

Tuesday, October 14

☐ "Recent Trends in Soviet Science and Technology Policy," Cathleen A. Campbell, Federal Research Division. Special Interest Group on Foreign Area Studies (Soviet and East European). LC Professional Association. Room LM 642, 11:30 a.m. **For members and staff.**

Thursday, October 16

☐ Support Group for Active Scholars. Participants will discuss ways in which the Library connection can be helpful in their research and publications. LC Professional Association. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

☐ Juilliard String Quartet. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Friday, October 17

☐ "The Book in India" exhibition opens on the sixth floor of the Madison Building.

☐ Juilliard String Quartet. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 21

☐ "The Role of the European Division in Italian-American Studies," Carol Armbruster, European Division. Special Interest Group on Ethnic Resources. LC Professional Association. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Thursday, October 23

☐ "American Understanding of India," symposium opens at 8 p.m. in the Mumford Room. Continues through Saturday. Members of the public are welcome. For information, call (202) 287-5420.

☐ Juilliard String Quartet. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Friday, October 24

☐ "American Understanding of India" continues, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mumford Room.

☐ Juilliard String Quartet. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 25

☐ "American Understanding of India" continues, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mumford Room.

Events are open to the public unless otherwise specified.

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chronicles the division's historic association with collectors of magic and conjuring literature. In 1927, through Harry Houdini's bequest, the Library received almost 4,000 books he had collected. Houdini was renowned for his spectular escape stunts, such as diving into a river with his hands and feet manacled and breaking free from water-filled containers that had been riveted shut. He also had a wide-ranging interest in psychic phenomena, and his library contained a comprehensive collection of books on spiritualism, in addition to the many works on stage magic.

John and Hanna McManus, and Morris and Chesley Young simultaneously presented their magic collections to the Library in 1955. Numbering more than 20,000 items, the collections include books on conjuring, ventriloquism, fortune-telling, spiritualism, witchcraft, gambling, hypnotism, automata, and mindreading, dating from the 16th through the 20th centuries. The Houdini and the McManus-Young Collections are frequently used by practicing magicians from across the United States.

Henry Dean's *Hocus Pocus* can be consulted in the Reading Room of the Rare Book and Special Collections Division, Room LJ-204 in the Thomas Jefferson Building, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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regional library in the afternoon.

On July 11, two national mini-conferences were held. The first, a national automation conference, included updates on two new systems—NLSNET and READS—discussions of automation planning, user group meetings, and a discussion by Ms. Dixon of NLS/BPH of computer aids and appliances for blind and physically handicapped users.

The second, a national children's services conference, focused upon the needs of children who use the national program as well as on ways that services to children throughout the country can be improved.

—Robert E. Fistick

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